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Great times had at La Paz Fair



(Above) Miss La Paz County (on left) Cali Lassere and Miss CRIT Erenestine Ameelyenah honored Henry Little (center) for his many years of service to the fair at the opening ceremonies. (Right) Ramiro "Nimo" Martinez enjoys the Fair's cuisine.

Fair events create lasting memories for Tribal members and attendees

It was family fun all around during the La Paz County Fair, which was held from March 15-18 at Manataba Park. Thousands attended the festivities, which included carnival rides, music and entertainment, livestock shows and a variety of different food booths. The fair also offered information booths and products from local and out of town businesses. For more photos and coverage of the La Paz County Fair, please see Page 6 of this issue.



Education Dept. works to start Tribal school

Would begin with Kindergarten and 1st Grade; eventually will add more levels

The CRIT Education Department is moving forward on the necessary steps to start a Tribal school.

With a working title of Four Nations Community School, it would begin as a Kindergarten and First Grade elementary school.

From there, plans are to add grades

incrementally to a K-3 school, making sure enrolled students are able to remain in the program through all four grades.

"Eventually, the school may include grade levels up through the sixth grade. The decision to add grade levels will be based on multiple factors."

— Dr. Jay Cravath
CRIT Education Dept.

multiple factors, including student enrollment and construction issues."

STAR (Service to All Relations), an existing charter school in Leupp, Arizona, near Flagstaff, has agreed to have Four Nations as a second site.

With a large Native student population, STAR integrates the regional culture into its curriculum and has won numerous awards for its innovative

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Search for new police chief going national

Chief Ken Schwab retires from force; nationwide search to find replacement

The Colorado River Indian Tribes tribal council has embarked on a nationwide search for a new Chief of Police.

The search began in late February after CRIT Chief of Police Ken Schwab retired from the force. Schwab retired after 30 years of law enforcement service and served as the CRIT Chief of Police twice for nearly seven years total.

CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr. wished Schwab well in his future endeavors. However, he said the change offers the Tribes a tremendous opportunity to add a fresh perspective and vision

to ongoing law enforcement issues in the community, including efforts to combat methamphetamine abuse.

"We are going to take advantage of this opportunity to find the most qualified person possible, someone with the vision and background needed to elevate our law enforcement efforts," Eddy Jr. said. "It's an especially important time to find a quality candidate because of our ongoing commitment to fighting methamphetamine use and its negative effects on our community."

Several qualified candidates have inquired about the position as a result of the search, which closed on March 30.

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News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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Messenger applauds bill to help tribes fight meth use

The *Manataba Messenger* enthusiastically applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for the unanimous passage on March 22 of the Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007.

Now it's up to the Senate, and President Bush, to do their parts.

As in many other parts of the United States, methamphetamine abuse is wreaking havoc in Indian Country, tearing apart families and contributing to untold numbers of crimes and acts of violence.

This measure seeks to correct an inadvertent though potentially egregious error. When Congress passed the Combat Epidemic Act of 2005 – which authorized funding for three important law enforcement grant programs to combat meth abuse – tribal governments were left out.

As co-sponsors, U.S. Reps. Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona) and Rick Renzi (R-Arizona) have joined the bill's primary sponsor, Rep. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico) to correct that error. Over the years, Grijalva and Renzi have proven to be great supporters of our people. They are doing so again.

The Act makes tribes eligible applicants for grant programs like the COPS Hot Spots Program, which will assist tribal governments to prosecute meth cooks and clean up toxic waste created by meth labs.

The Drug-Endangered Children Program is another eligible program, which gives aid to children in homes in which meth or other drugs are made, sold or used.

The bill also clarifies and strengthens tribal participation in the Pregnant and Parenting Women Offenders Programs, which is designed to facilitate cooperation between the criminal justice, child welfare, and substance abuse systems in order to reduce the use of drugs by pregnant women and those with dependent children.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, Native communities have the highest meth use rates, more than double the use rate of other ethnicities. Also, the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently surveyed tribes about law enforcement and learned that 70 percent consider meth the drug that poses the greatest threat to their reservation. This help is greatly needed and long overdue.

Grijalva introduces "Native Nations" bill

Would found new leadership institute; Renzi calls for 'warriors and fighters'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representative Raúl M. Grijalva has introduced legislation to permanently establish the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy.

The Native Nations Institute (NNI), founded in 2001 by the Morris K. Udall Foundation and the University of Arizona, has served as a resource to indigenous peoples across the United States and elsewhere.

The Institute provides leadership and management training and other resources to tribal leaders, helping them to develop skills in self

government. Approximately 1,700 individuals, representing 250 American and Canadian tribes, have attended training sessions at the Institute.

"The Native Nations Institute has helped tribal leaders develop critical leadership skills, and has served as a resource for tribes all over the country for the past several years," said Grijalva.

"NNI has helped many Tribes realize their own political and economic development objectives, which not only improves community life but helps to preserve their distinctive values. The Native Nations Institute deserves permanent congressional recognition and funding."

The Institute's funding authorization expired in 2006. The proposed legislation would permanently establish the Native Nations Institute, allowing it to receive separate congressional funding.

"We are delighted that Rep. Grijalva has introduced legislation that would authorize much-needed funding for the Native Nations Institute," said Terry Bracy, chair of the Board of

Trustees of the Tucson-based Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Renzi gives powerful address on Native issues

U.S. Rep. Rick Renzi gave a brief but powerful address at the annual National Congress of American Indians Tribal Nations Legislative Summit in early March in Washington, D.C.



Rick Renzi

Renzi, one of more than a dozen members of Congress and Administration officials who appeared at the summit, took the podium briefly in between votes and committee hearings, according to *Indian Country Today*.

In a "booming" announcement, Renzi said that, as co-chairman of the Congressional Native American Caucus, he hopes to grow the group to 125 members and raise money to create a Web site featuring the priority issues of the caucus. "And then I'm gong to start posting who's voting with us and who's voting against us," Renzi warned. "It's not about Republicans or Democrats, but we'll find out who's with us and who's against us, okay?"

"I represent the largest land-mass of poverty in the United States. It's not Republican or Democrat. It's too big an issue for one party. I need warriors and I need fighters, and I need congressmen to vote in bloc for Native Americans and for Indian country. That's it. You guys go back to business and make it happen."

Renzi represents the largest Native American population in the nation, approximately 22 percent of his district. Renzi's Congressional District 1 is a sprawling rural district that encompasses most of Northern and Eastern Arizona and includes most of the Navajo Nation, the White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Apache tribes.

We want to hear from you!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. Share your thoughts on key issues and tell us about things the people of CRIT might find of interest. We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited for length.

You may send letters to:

Route 1, Box 23-B Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to feedback@critonline.com

Tahbos everywhere in April photo contest



Submit now, win big in June

It was a Tahbo kind of month for the *Manataba Messenger* photo contest. First place for April went to Ryan Tahbo for his photo of daughter Ambrie, 5, and son Seneca, 4, at the Clark Fork River in Missoula, Montana (above). He will receive \$100. Second prize went to Elaine Tahbo Baran for her photo of daughter Sophie at Ikea (top left). She will receive \$50. Third place goes to Deanna Patch for her photo of Jacob Patch (left). She will receive \$25 for her entry. Honorable mention goes to Tyler Tahbo for his fishing photo (bottom left), and

Sheramy Tahbo for her photo of the Annual Tahbo Easter Egg Hunt in Lehi, Utah (bottom). Pictured starting in the back from left to right: Taylor Tahbo, Bailey Tahbo, Terra Tahbo, Tyler Tahbo, Kenna Tahbo, Reece Tahbo, Allie Tahbo, Dailee Namoki Maughan, Jake Tahbo. The deadline for submissions for the June 1 issue is May 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, you may just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.



Welsh Jr. promotes open government, entrepreneurship

At just 32, Dennis Welsh Jr. is the youngest member of the CRIT Tribal Council. But despite his age, Welsh said it was his extensive experience in business and his longtime community activism that helped him the most when he outpaced 16 other candidates as the leading vote-getter in the December tribal elections.

Welsh, a self-employed hay farmer who has also worked in marketing, named increasing entrepreneurship and combating methamphetamine abuse as two of his top goals as one of CRIT’s newest tribal council members.

Welsh’s other top priority in office is fiscal responsibility. And when it comes to getting a grip on CRIT’s finances, Welsh is determined to lead by example.

“Because I’m self-employed, I use my own laptop, my own phone, my own car, I buy my own gas,” Welsh said. “I haven’t spent a penny of the people’s money. There might be situations in the future when I will need to, but I’m very prudent.”

Another goal is to add “transparency” to Tribal government. Welsh, along with new council members Daphne Hill-Poolaw and Richard Armstrong, have been strong advocates of posting all Tribal Council meeting agendas and publishing monthly treasury reports. But Welsh said he wants to go further.

“I want to publish our first annual report to



Dennis Welsh Jr. gets sworn in as a Tribal Council member in January.

go over how our money is spent,” Welsh said. “We’ve never done it, but it’s one of the things I’d like to see.”

Welsh and his wife, Shelly, have four children. He was born and raised on the CRIT reservation, the oldest of four children. He was raised by his mother, Thelma Nelson, stepfather Darrell Fisher, and his grandfather Dick Nelson. As a kid, Welsh worked on melon farms during the summer, which gave him the background and experience he needed to launch his own farm.

When he was younger, Welsh was a standout

student and athlete at Parker High School. When Welsh enrolled at the University of Arizona on scholarship after high school, his plan was to play football.

But during his “redshirt” year as a freshman member of the football team, one of his roommates who hailed from the East Coast encouraged Welsh to try out for the UA’s club rugby team. He didn’t know a lot about the sport, except that it’s a lot like football except without pads, but his curiosity got the best of him and he showed up for a tryout. Welsh went on to travel around the nation on UA’s rugby team and remains a devotee.

Welsh may be a farmer, but he certainly doesn’t dress like one when he’s conducting tribal business. Welsh is rarely seen without a shirt and tie, a trait that has led to some gentle teasing, even from his fellow council members.

“It could be 120 degrees outside but I’ll still be wearing a tie,” Welsh said.

It takes more than looking the part, though, Welsh said. That is why he’s also pushing hard to increase the size of CRIT’s revolving credit fund for small businesses.

“I really enjoy encouraging people to start their own businesses, but not too many people know about this program, unfortunately,” Welsh said. “I want to get the tribe more involved in the private sector. We’ve become too government dependent.”

Diabetes Prevention offers free pre-diabetes assessments

Can help determine if you are at risk before full onset of more serious symptoms

Pre-diabetes has no symptoms. But there are some indications and several precautionary steps that tribal members can take to help prevent the condition from progressing to diabetes, according to the CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program.

The mission of the DPP — not to be confused with the CRIT Special Diabetes Program, which is a separate program that operates the recently opened Tribal fitness facility on First Avenue in Parker — is to prevent diabetes before it starts by promoting health education and prevention techniques for Tribal members that are diagnosed with pre-diabetes.

A person diagnosed with pre-diabetes has a high blood-sugar level, but not high enough to be diagnosed with diabetes.

Pre-diabetes does not have the same symptoms as diabetes. In fact, it usually has no symptoms. But one indication is dark patches showing up around the neck and underarm areas.

A person usually does not know they have pre-diabetes until they have

a screening by a doctor that includes a fasting blood test.

The DPP staff will be out in the community actively recruiting for the program by providing a random blood sugar test and a mini risk assessment.

This will help to determine if a tribal member needs further testing by a physician.

If the assessment shows that further testing is needed, DPP staff will set up an appointment for this testing with an IHS physician.

“If you are diagnosed with pre-diabetes and are IHS eligible, you are then eligible for our Diabetes Prevention Program,” said DPP staff member Cindy Homer.

“Our program will help you to prevent diabetes or delay the onset by watching your health closely, providing classes on eating healthy and lifestyle changes, increasing your physical activity and losing weight.”

DPP staff will work with patients to develop a program that will work for them and the patient is comfortable with, Homer said.

“Our Program is voluntary and all information is kept strictly confidential,” Homer said.

For more information on the program, see the box on the right.

Are you at risk for pre-diabetes?

Tribal members can take this helpful DPP Risk Test below to help determine if they are at risk. If your score is 10 or more, give the program a call.

1. Are you 15 pounds or more overweight? Yes 5_____
2. Are you 65 and get little or no exercise daily? Yes 5_____
3. Are you between 30 & 64 years of age? Yes 5_____
4. Are you 65 years or older? Yes 9_____
5. Are you a woman who had a baby that weighed 9 pounds or more at birth? Yes 1_____
6. Do you have an immediate family member with diabetes? Yes 2_____

If you feel you have pre-diabetes, are at risk for diabetes or would like more information about the Diabetes Prevention Program contact us at:

CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program
 Rt. 1, Box 20
 12307 Kennedy Dr. (next to WIC office)
 Parker, Arizona 85344
 Phone: (928) 669-8090

CRIT Tourism Office moves to BlueWater



Tourism Director Ron Charles at the new CRIT Tourism Office located in the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

The CRIT Tourism Office has reopened in the Blue Water Resort and Casino, and Tourism Director Ron Charles will follow up the move by opening a new Tourism Information Center later this year.

The center will advertise and promote tribal attractions like the CRIT Museum, Ahakhav Preserve, the Poston Memorial Monument, Fish and Game and the Casino. The new visitor center will also provide information and history on the four tribes that constitute CRIT.

Charles said the move should help increase interest in the Tribes' culture, history and other attractions. For the prior six years, Charles operated out of an office at the CRIT Airport.

"Once I get settled in it will be so much easier to promote the Tribes," Charles said. "There's a lot of foot traffic here at the casino.

At the old location at the airport, there was nobody. Even a lot of Tribal members didn't know where I was located."

The move is already paying off with Charles acting as a tribal liaison, interacting with tourists as well as with many non-Tribal casino employees who are curious about tribal activities and culture. He has directed tourists to the attractions, as well as given them information on how to apply for hunting and fishing licenses.

"It was interesting, some of the casino workers didn't know a lot about the Tribes," Charles said.

"There was a lecture by one of the museum directors on tribal culture and they asked me if they could go if they were not tribal members. I said, 'Sure, it's open to the public.' It is questions like that that I can help answer."

Upcoming Events

Events coming to BlueWater Resort

- The 6th Annual BlueWater Resort & Casino Indian Golf Tournament will be held on April 13-14. Native American players from all over the Southwest and beyond will come play Emerald Canyon and vie for over \$8,000 in prize money. For more information call Stewart Eddy at (928) 669-2121 or (928) 916-9039.

- The BlueWater Resort & Casino 2007 Spring Classic will be held on April 21-22. The Southern California Speedboat Club is proud to present Championship Circle Boat Races. For more information, contact Ross Wallach at (310)318-4012, e-mail rossdbos26@yahoo.com or visit www.scsracing.com.

- The 11th Annual Parker Open Golf Tournament will take on April 27-29 at the Emerald Canyon Golf Course. Professionals and amateurs will vie for over \$5,000 in prize money. For more information contact Steve Benton at Emerald Canyon at (928) 667-3366.

- The 2007 APBA PWC National Tour Rounds 1 & 2 come to BlueWater on May 13-14. Come checkout Personal Watercraft Racing (PWC) at its best. For more information contact Ross Wallach at the information above.

- The Inaugural 2007 BlueWater Grand Prix will be held on May 19, featuring Motorcycles, Quads & UTV's. BlueWater joins forces with Casey Folks of Best in the Desert to put on this inaugural event. For more information contact Best in the Desert at (702) 475-5775, e-mail bitd@lasvegas.net or visit www.bitd.com.

- BlueWater Resort & Casino proudly presents The Australian BeeGees' Show on May 26. There will be two shows. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the first show at 7 p.m. and reopen at 9 p.m. for the second show at 9:30 p.m. Tickets on sale in the Gift Shop. Prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 day-of-show.

Dig Lounge Schedule

Beginning on April 3, the Dig Lounge band hours will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Beginning on April 2, Karaoke on Monday nights will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

- April 3-8 — Fast Forward, a four-piece band playing classic dance, 50s and 60s, disco, modern rock and alternative.

- April 10-15 and May 8-13 — Swift Kick, with a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s through 90s.

- April 17-22 — American Made, with a female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music for the 50s and 60s, Top 40, disco, country and oldies.

- April 24-29 — Radio Rage, a high-energy dance band playing classic rock and disco.

- May 1-6 — Pilot, a three-band playing Rhythm & Blues from the 50s and 60s, Top 40 dance, classic rock, old school and disco.

- May 15-20 — Suite 33, a high-energy variety dance band featuring Top 40, classic rock, 50s and 60s and dance music.

- May 22-27 — Voo Doo, a three-piece band playing Top 40 dance and classic rock.

Announcements

Birthday Announcements

- April 9th — Happy 17th birthday sister/auntie Raylene. We love you & hope you have a good year. Stay out of trouble. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

- April 20th — Happy Birthday Dad/PaPa Theodore Ameelyenah. We love you very much. You mean the world to us and thanks for always being there for us. From your daughter Jolene and grandkids Julian and Ethan.

- April 21st — Happy 18th Birthday Brother/Uncle Jarrod. We love you very much. Be good. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

- April 26th — Happy 16th Birthday Brother/Uncle Michael. We love and miss you. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

- April 26th — Happy Birthday Uncle Leroy Short. Hope you have a good one. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

- April 27th — Happy 2nd Birthday Julian

John Ameelyenah-Kinale. We love you very much baby. You mean the world to us. From Mom, Dad and Baby Brother Ethan.

- May 16th — Happy 1st Birthday Sister (Alyssa Rae). We love you fat girl. From Auntie Jolene and cousins Julian and Ethan.

- May 20th — Happy 19th Birthday Brother/Uncle Cooper. We love you. I'm happy to share my birthday with you Brother. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

- May 21st — Happy Birthday Auntie Lorie. We love you very much. Thanks for always being there for us no matter what. From Jolene, Julian and Ethan.

The Manataba Messenger accepts announcements on graduations, awards, engagements, obituaries and many other special occasions and events.

To submit an announcement, see the contact information on Page 12 of this issue.

La Paz County Fair creates more memories



(Top Left) Joanna Laffoon, Mohave Dress maker/seamstress.

(Top Right) 4-H members of LaPaz county showing various rabbit breeds, with Skyler Martinez (#406, on right) showing Oreo.



(Left) Randy Tahbo completing his survey.

(Right) Joylene Zeyouma with children, Felicia and Xavier check out their crafts.



(Bottom Left) Beatrice Davis and Dana Richardson have lunch at the Headstart frybread stand.

(Bottom Right) Tayla Tahbo shows off her braces with The Clown of Many Faces, Linda Halet.

Photos courtesy of Valerie Welsh-Tahbo



Singers, Vice-Chairman Enas pay tribute to fallen veterans

CRIT Vice Chairman Eldred Enas was master of ceremonies for a recent tribute to American Veterans in Quartzite.

The event featured CRIT singers and dance group and a 385-foot replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica included the newest addition, The Cost of Freedom, which honors fallen veterans who served after Vietnam, including 9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Chemehuevi Dance Group, Black Mountain Bird Singers and Navajo Dance Group all performed in honor of CRIT tribal men lost in past wars. In addition, Enas recognized family members of fallen veterans, including Betty Romo, who lost her son; Marvene Arkie-Allison, who lost her brother; and Cheryl Esquerra, who lost her cousin.



Vice Chairman Eldred Enas recognizes CRIT Tribal members who lost their lives defending our country and their families at a recent tribute in Quartzite.

Enrollment announces new members, reminds public about policies

Submitted by CRIT Enrollment Department

New Enrollment or Change of Address

The Enrollment Department continues to update addresses of tribal members. If you have moved, please contact us at (928) 669-1240, so that the staff can keep records current. If you are unable to contact us, write to the following address: CRIT Enrollment Department, Route 1, Box 23-B, Parker, AZ 85344.

Tribal Members Incarcerated

If you have a family member who is incarcerated in the State of Arizona or out-of-state, the Enrollment Department would like addresses on them to make sure that they are receiving their Tribal Newsletter or any information provided by the Colorado River Indian Tribes. These tribal members are important to the Enrollment Department. With your assistance, the Enrollment Department is interested in obtaining current addresses or any change of address on tribal members who are incarcerated or may have been transferred to another facility. Please be advised that all information is kept strictly confidential.

Tribal Identification Cards

Tribal Identification Cards are issued to all tribal members upon completion of filling out an application. Application requests can be submitted with either a letter or an office visit. The cost for a Tribal Identification Card is as follows: First Issue – FREE; Duplicate I.D. – \$12. To prevent identity theft we are asking that those members who live off the reservation and are requesting an application for a tribal identification card submit the completed application and a picture photo, and provide a copy of your driver's license that verifies or shows proof of the name of the individual.

How to Get Enrolled with CRIT

The Enrollment Department continues to accept enrollment applications on a daily basis, and also mails out enrollment applications. All you need to do is submit a completed enrollment application and an original state-certified birth certificate (long form) from the State Vital Statistics Department that shows the applicant's parents' name or names. If you do not have a certified birth certificate, the Enrollment staff will furnish you with the proper form and address to apply for one. Please keep in mind that a hospital's live birth certificate records and/or copies of birth certificates will not be processed without the applicant's state-certified birth certificate.

If one of the parents is a non-tribal member, information on their tribal affiliation is requested. The Enrollment staff may request a certification of Indian blood for the non-tribal member parent and a verification of non-enrollment on the applicant. Provide the applicant's original social security card. A copy of the

marriage license is required if the marriage was performed prior to the birth of the child. If you were not married prior to the birth of your child, a court document establishing paternity is needed. Paternity must be established through a court of law. Please understand that the enrollment application will not be processed until all documentation is received.

If you have a family member, relative or friend and you believe they may be eligible for enrollment with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, please encourage them to stop by and pick up an application at the Enrollment Department or to call in for an application. The staff will be happy to assist.

Services Offered

The Enrollment Department provides tribal members with many different services such as providing certifications of membership and documentation of Indian blood, vehicle exemptions, family or ancestral tree information, identification cards, delayed birth and death certificate application assistance and addresses and various other statistical listings. The Enrollment Department is here to serve the members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes in all areas of services offered by our department. Currently, there are 3,749 tribal members enrolled with CRIT.

Committee Meetings

The Committee meetings are held on a quarterly basis. The next scheduled deadline date is May 28, thirty days prior to the next scheduled Enrollment Committee meeting to be held June 27.

Enrollment Committee Members:

Kathleen Enas, Chairperson (Hopi)
Henry Little, Committee Member (Mohave)
Ferdina Barrackman, Committee Member (Mohave)
Edward Yava, Sr., Committee Member (Navajo)
Ernestine Sharpe, Alternate (Chemehuevi)
Maxine Morris, Alternate (Hopi)

Enrollment Staff:

Rochelle Booth, Enrollment Officer
Leticia Carillo, Enrollment Secretary

Resolution No. R-169-06
August 18, 2006

New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.B R-169-06,
dated August 18, 2006

1. Devin Nicos Ameelyenah
2. Leighly Ranessa Mosqueda
3. Paul Leon Begaye
4. Jayde Mya Booth

5. Roland Deschain Burley
6. Adyana Marie Cardenas
7. Katherine Delphine Carlyle
8. Brianna Alexis Carter
9. Maija Nicole Mae Drennan
10. Jade Marinna Humeumtewa
11. Dailee Namoki Maughn
12. Jeffery Terry McCabe
13. Staci Ann Mitchell
14. John Michael Pedigo
15. Angelo Aaron Reynosa
16. Perfecto Luis Gonzales Robledo
17. Taya Tahbo
18. Eric Lee Welsh
19. Estelle Mae Welsh

Resolution No. R-279-06
Nov. 17, 2006

New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.B R-279-06,
dated Nov. 17, 2006

1. Airnn Agnes Booth
2. Wavrlly Ann Booth
3. Annie Nicole Carlyle
4. Jayden Echosky Charles
5. Shalyssa Elizabeth davis
6. Malcolm Gary Elmer
7. Marrion Gary Elmer
8. Stacy Renee Senaida Heanes
9. Elise Lavendar Huff
10. Madelyn Jade Krause
11. Veronica Mildred Murdock
12. Marquita Ashley Nevayaktewa
13. Robert George Riddle, Jr.
14. Sofia Amiley Rodriguez
15. Daniel Marcutio Schifo
16. Amorey Leanne Rose Scott
17. Tyler Lee Scott
18. Mariah Juana Villafana
19. Veronica Laurenlee Webb

Relinquishment:

1. Keith Graham Emerson, R-277-06, Nov. 17, 2006

Deceased:

1. Timothy Alcaida, July 19, 2006
2. Jonathan Michael Pintor, Sept. 24, 2006
3. Ramona Jane Wlesh Macias, Sept. 27, 2006
4. Evangeline Howard, Oct. 5, 2006
5. Carl Martinez, Jr., Oct. 21, 2006
6. Tina Renee Flores Brook, Nov. 2, 2006
7. Kimberly Ruby Laffoon, Nov. 13, 2006
8. Sheldon Allison Swick, Jr., Dec. 11, 2006
9. Mary Lomayesva, Dec. 24, 2006

CRIT Briefs

News from around the CRIT Reservation

CRIT Head Start offers enrollment

The CRIT Head Start program will have health screenings for children ages birth to 4 years old from 9 a.m. to noon April 12 at the program's office, 18026 Mohave Road.

Children 0-3 will receive a developmental screening. Children ages 3-5 will receive vision and dental screenings and a physical exam. For an appointment call the Head Start office at (928) 662-4311.

Head Start is also taking applications for the 2007-08 school year. A child must be between the ages of 3 and 4 by Aug. 31 to qualify. Applications can be picked up at the Head Start center.

Also, Head Start actively recruits children with disabilities. The program works with Parker Unified School District to provide services to children with disabilities. If you think your child has a disability (hearing, vision, speech, developmental, physical/orthopedic problems), contact Charlotte at (928) 662-4311.

STEP UP Engineering Camp at NAU

Young women entering their sophomore, junior or senior years in high school are being encouraged to attend the STEP UP Engineering Camp July 8-12 at the Northern Arizona University Mountain Campus in Flagstaff.

The camp is a one week residential summer camp dedicated to introducing young women in high school to engineering. Campers are immersed in a variety of hands-on engineering activities in a small group of 25 young women from across the country. The camp fee is \$100 (scholarships are available).

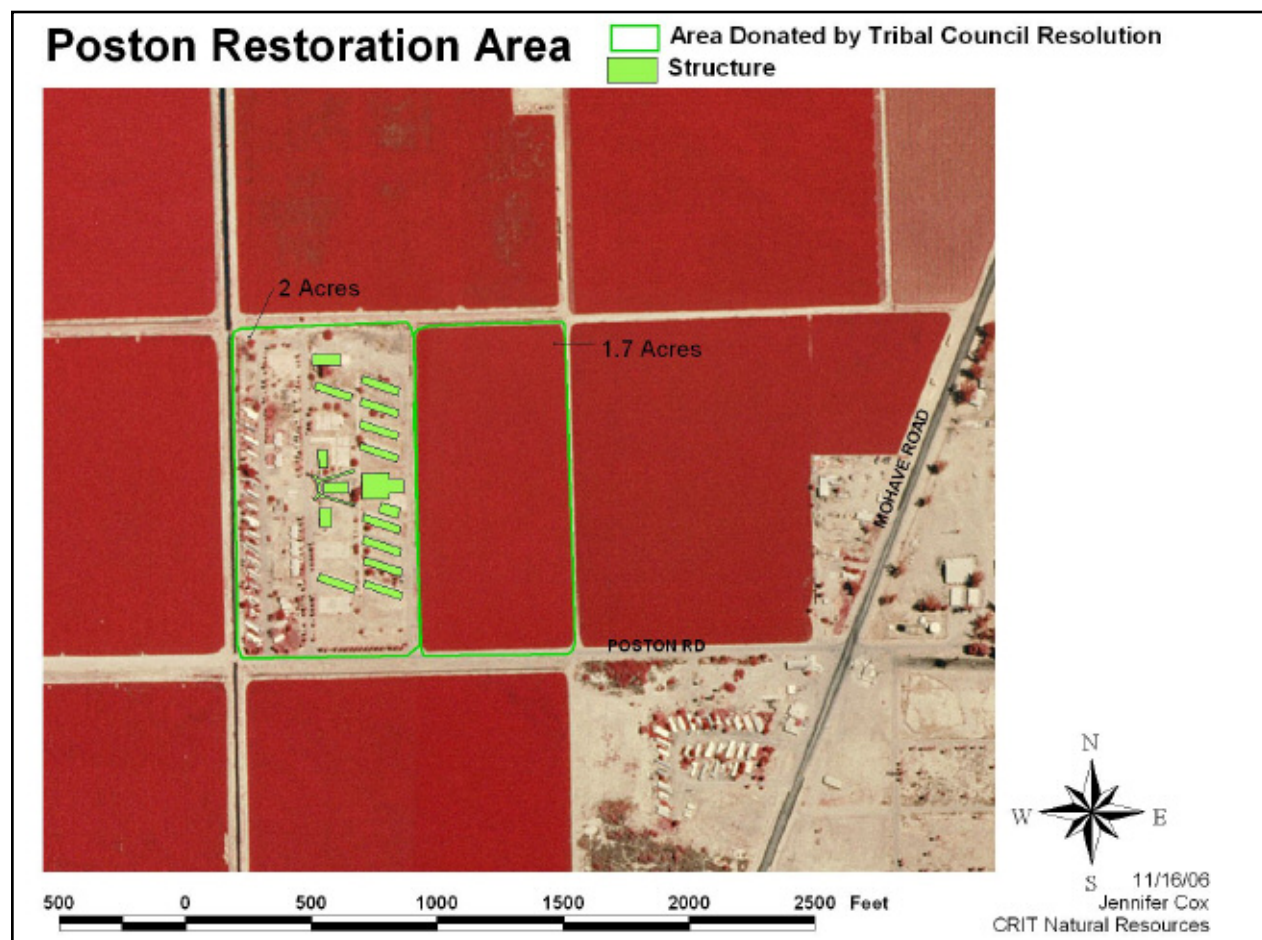
For more information, call (928) 523-2110, visit www.nau.edu/stepup, or e-mail STEPUP@cens.nau.edu.

CRIT Recreation April events

- Easter Egg Hunt — April 7 at 12 p.m. at Manataba Park.
- 37th Annual Boy's Open Pee wee Class 'C' Basketball Tournament, April 13-14. The tournament is open to 8-10 years (co-ed), and 11-13 years (boys only). The entry fee is \$150.00 (No personal checks). Deadline: April 11, 2007 by 8 p.m. \$100.00 deposit due by deadline.
- Eligibility: Players must be 8-13 years of age (proof of age/report card/etc. required).
- Parental consent required; ask for forms.
- Teen Ball Classic Basketball Tournament, April 27-28. The tournament is open to girls and boys ages 14-18. girls 14-18 years. Deadline: April 25 at 8 p.m. (\$100.00 deposit due by deadline).
- Eligibility: Players must be enrolled in school and have proof of age.
- The CRIT Summer Youth Co-ed Basketball League will start in June. The league is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8-18. There will be four separate divisions: 6-7 year old, 8-10 year old, 11-12 year old, 13-15 year old, 16-18 year old division (18 year olds must be registered in high school).

CRIT Recreation also needs volunteer coaches and referees. For more information, call (928) 669-1350.

"What I learned about the Poston Project"



This aerial/graphic shows the location of the Poston site and the buildings slated for preservation efforts.

By Dianne Kiyomoto

Fresno, California

(Editor's Note: Ms. Kiyomoto attended her first Poston Project meeting on January 24 in Los Angeles. The project involves efforts of Parker community members and Japanese Americans to preserve the Poston Camp I site and build a museum. Her mother, Lilyan Kiyomoto, was interned there from 1942-44. Ms. Kiyomoto then calls on the Japanese American Community in Fresno to be interviewed and get involved.)

I learned that the remaining barracks, gymnasium, and classrooms at the Poston Camp I site have deteriorated over the past five years, and if we want to preserve them, we must act quickly before it's too late. The buildings are becoming unstable. No other camp has the number of building remaining at Poston!

CRIT has already contributed several thousands of dollars to fence off the area. The Department of Defense (WRA) will need to remove the asbestos and lead from the site. Also, the tribes relocated several families who were living on the site. The Colorado River Indian Tribes have set aside 40 acres at the Poston site for the Poston Restoration project.

CRIT is now waiting for the Japanese American community to start donating money and time in this co-venture of preservation of both the Japanese-American and the Colorado River Indian histories. Of course, publicity needs to get out to everyone.

The Japanese-American internees sent to Poston had knowledge of agriculture which the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) needed to make the Poston area self-sufficient. The BIA managed Poston from 1942 to 1943. Then the WRA managed Poston until the end of WWII.

The Poston detainees worked to build the irrigation system still used by the Tribes. After



the Japanese Americans left Poston, the U.S. government relocated other Indian tribes to the site and they continued to develop the southern portion of the reservation in agriculture. The people living in the area had no information about the so-called "mysterious" population of Japanese American internees who lived there for less than 4 years and converted the desert into a "livable" agricultural area. Thus, the need to preserve the history of both the Japanese-Americans and CRIT is important. Both ethnic groups have experienced "relocation."

This past weekend, several people who were at the meeting were interviewed — including my "shy" mom. I've been assured that the CRIT Education Department is determined to get the untold Japanese-American internment stories saved for future generations. Project volunteers agreed to come up to Fresno, bringing videotape equipment, to do more oral histories. What an offer! I am now reaching out and encouraging others (who lived at the internment camp) to be interviewed. The videotapes were going to be used to educate 4th graders about what life was like from the real people who lived at the internment camp — kind of like telling your little grandkids the stories of what happened in camp.

Remember, it's for our grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many generations later.

IHS urges awareness of staph infections

Skin condition can turn into much more serious condition if unchecked

By Mary Torrez
Infection control RN, Indian Health Service.
As a public service, the staff of Indian Health Services would like to alert CRIT members to the dangers of staph infections. Staphylococcus aureus or staph is a type of bacteria.

It may cause skin infections that look like pimples or boils.
Skin infections caused by staph may be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage.
Some staph (known as Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA) are resistant to certain antibiotics, making it harder to treat.
The information in this article applies to both Staph and MRSA.

Who gets Staph infections?
Anyone can get a Staph infection. People are more likely to get a Staph infection if they have:

- Skin to skin contact with someone who has a staph infection
- Contact with items and surfaces that have Staph on them
- Openings in their skin such as cuts or scrapes
- Crowded living conditions
- Poor hygiene

How serious are Staph infections?
Most Staph skin infections are minor and may be easily treated.
Staph also may cause more serious infections, such as infections of the bloodstream, surgical sites, or pneumonia.
Sometimes, a Staph infection that starts as a skin infection may worsen. It is important to contact your doctor if your infection does not get better.

How are Staph infections treated?
Treatment for a Staph skin infection may include taking an antibiotic or having a doctor drain the infection.
If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses, even if the infection is getting better, unless your doctor tells you to stop taking it.
Do not share antibiotics with other people or save them to use later.

How do I keep Staph infections from spreading?

- Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Keep your cuts and scrapes clean and cover them with bandages
- Do not touch other people’s cuts or bandages
- Do not share personal items like towels or razors

Game & Fish gives rules, fees for first ever javelina hunt

CRIT Game and Fish Department is announcing its first-ever fall Javelina hunt.
This will be an archery only hunt open to only three enrolled members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.
Drawing applications and dates will be announced soon, said CRIT Assistant Game Warden Ray Aspa.
Aspa also recently released CRIT’s 2007 hunting and fishing regulations (see sidebar for details). The updated regulations were approved in March by the CRIT Tribal Council.
The following are this year’s permit prices:

- Combination Hunt & Fish: \$100.
- Season Hunt: \$75.
- Season Fish: \$35.
- One-day fish: \$5.
- Three-day fish: \$15.
- Duplicates: \$5.

For more information call Aspa’s office at (928) 669-9285.
Additionally, the Fish & Game Department has updated its rules and regulations.
While they are too lengthy to be included in this issue, the regulations are available by calling the CRIT Fish & Game Department at the number above.

IHS Contract Health provides members with key information

By Pam Eddy
Indian Health Service
Respect. Compassion. Physical comfort. Emotional support. Access. Information. Education. These basic principles, along with the involvement of family and friends, are the goals that the Parker Indian Health Center continuously strives to achieve.
The staff at the Indian Health Center also strives to provide complete and accurate information about its programs. In that spirit, IHS presents the following information to help CRIT members navigate the Contract Health Services program:

What is Contract Health Services (CHS)?
CHS is a part of the U.S. Public Health Service under the Department of Health & Human Service Department. The program serves over 900,000 American Indians & Alaska natives throughout the United States. Through CHS, Indian Health Service can buy services that it is unable to provide at its own facilities.
CHS, is funded annually by the U.S. Congress.

This program is not:

- An Entitlement Program
- An Insurance Plan
- An Established Benefit Package
- Indian Health Service cannot guarantee that funds are always available. CHS funds are intended to help pay for healthcare where no other sources of healthcare payment are available, or to supplement other alternate resources. The use of alternate resources enables IHS to save money and to provide more and better healthcare for the Indian people.

Payments for healthcare outside an IHS facility can only be authorized by a CHS Authorizing Official. No one else can authorize payments. CHS payments are authorized through a complicated process using guidelines

and eligibility criteria.

Why is this important?
CHS regulations require the use of medical priorities to assure that persons with the most urgent needs receive services and that CHS funds are used to supplement and complement other health care resources.

What is the difference between Direct Care and Contract Care eligibility?
Not all Indians are CHS eligible. Most non-Indian facilities assume Indians are CHS eligible because they are eligible for direct care. Direct care refers to health services provided at Indian Health Service Hospital, Indian Health Service or Tribal clinics and Health Station.

To be eligible for Direct Care one must:

- Be of Indian descent from a Federally Recognized Tribe and provide Indian Health Service with tribal BIA documentation.

To be eligible for Contract Health Service one must:

- Be eligible for direct care and, in addition, live on a reservation or live within a Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA) or live elsewhere and have left CHSDA within 180 days.
- Maintain close social and economic ties.
- Be married to a tribal member.
- Certified by tribe (close ties).
- Full-time students who provide documentation and were eligible prior to becoming a student should complete CHS student registration form.
- Foster Children must have legal documentation by court including tribal courts.
- Natural, adopted, foster and stepchildren of eligible Indians until the age of 19 whether they are of Indian descent or not.

Referral process for Health Care:
Patient must be CHS eligible. Physician completes referral with diagnosis, brief history, medication, request of evaluation, consultation, procedures, etc. All referrals go before the CHS committee every Friday to evaluate for

level of medical priority. If approved, appointments are made the patient is notified.

CHS will make all appointments and a referral will accompany the patient to their appointment for each visit. Without a referral, the provider will not see the patient. For ER visits to various facilities, a call-in notification must be turned into CHS during the day or evening. For Direct Care patients; CHS cannot make appointment for patients. They can make their own appointment and take written referral with them. They are responsible for payment. Direct Care patients are advised of this upon interview.

Billing
By law, physicians and nurses must turn in purchase orders for all calls notifications, admission from other facilities, or denials, within five working days. Non-emergency treatment requires prior approval, which is the responsibility of the patient. For an emergency treatment and/or admission at a non-Indian health facility, it is also the responsibility of the patient or patient’s representative to notify their local CHS authorizing official within 72 hours of the treatment.

Denial:
If a person is denied CHS payment for care, a denial letter is issued by the CHS program that explains the individual’s right to appeal. A person has 30 days to appeal in writing at the local level. A person may appeal to the Indian Health Service Director in the Phoenix Area.

The area or program office must respond in writing, either upholding or overruling the decision. Finally, the individual may appeal to Indian Health Service Headquarters. The Indian Health Service Director’s (Headquarters) decision constitutes the final administrative action.

Payor of Last Resort:
Alternate resources are other sources of health care or health care payment available and accessible to an individual. Examples include Medicare A and B, AHCCCS, KidsCare, veterans benefits or worker’s compensation. For a full list, contact HIS at (928) 669-3200.

Mohave Days embrace culture, heritage, fun



The annual Mohave Days celebration on March 3 once again drew enthusiastic crowds who enjoyed music, native dance, games and contests. Tribal officials honored veterans and elders, and the crowd lunched on tortillas, pinto and white beans.

(Top left) The pie eating contest, where the object was to be the first one to lick off all the whip cream to reveal the dollar amount won.

(Top right) A relay race where contestants hopped backwards without dropping their frisbee.

(Middle right) The Hopi Dance Group, with brothers and sister, Jason, Jay, and Kendra Moore performing the corn dance.

(Bottom right) CRIT Tribal Council Member Valerie Welsh-Tahbo and Miss CRIT Ernestine Ameelyenah.

(Bottom left) Ron Moore with his gourds to be sold and Marcus Tuchawena, his grandson.

(Middle left) Navajo Dance Group.

Photos courtesy of Valerie Welsh-Tahbo



CRIT youth participate in nature photography camp

22 CRIT youth spent intersession break learning about nature photography at Tribal Preserve

During the recent spring intersession break, many local youth stayed at home, played video games, ate lots of junk food, and watched lots of movies. Not so for 22 local CRIT members. Over the two-week break, the students (ages 6 to 17) participated in ‘Ahakhav Tribal Preserve’s Spring Youth and Teen Photography Camps.

Each of the one-week camps was attended by 11 local youth. The Youth Photography camp brought kids ages 6 though 10 to the Preserve for several days of photography and a one day field trip to Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge.

Preserve Education and outreach Director Annie Morton coordinated the activities and wrote the lesson plans.

“A lot of the photos are really quite good,” Morton said. “I do not attribute this to anything having to do with me. As far as I can figure, for most of them, if you take four gazillion pictures, at least 10 of them will turn out good and two or three will be great.”

Most of the younger students had a natural eye for pictures though. This is probably because they were not intimidated by the technology or the idea of the permanence of a photograph. They were willing to try any level of zoom, frame, or focus, making a lot of their photography almost serendipitous.



This photo of river debris taken by Armando Dutcher was one of the many great photos produced by CRIT youth enrolled in the photography camp.

The second week of camp was for teens ages 11 to 17. These students were given the same lessons in materials, tools, techniques, and art theory as the younger students and they took it much more seriously.

“The older students really tried hard on each and every shot. Sometimes this worked to their advantage, sometimes it didn’t” Morton said.

The teen photographers’ careful and meticulous picture taking resulted in far fewer photos taken but a much higher number of amazing pictures.

Because of their ability to tolerate longer car rides, the teen camp took several field trips to

Bill Williams Wildlife Refuge, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, and Joshua Tree National Park.

As a conclusion to camp and to offer a cultural program for the community, the Preserve will be hosting a photography show at the BlueWater Resort & Casino from 7 to 10 p.m. April 20. The show is free, open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The two “best” photographs from each student will be on display for friends, family, and all the public to come and view. Call the preserve at (928) 669-2664 for more information about the photography show.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of Public Comment Period for Request for Information about Historic Properties for Siemens Water Technologies (formerly US Filter Westates) Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Siemens Water Technologies is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a hazardous waste management permit decision at Siemens pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Designation of Area of Potential Effects

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA designated an Area of Potential Effects (see map to the right) on historic properties for its permit decision at Siemens.

EPA requested Information about Historic Properties on January 31, 2007 with a comment period ending on March 12, 2007. EPA is now extending the public comment period for Information about Historic Properties to April 12, 2007.

Determining Whether There May Be Adverse Effects to Historic Properties

EPA must now determine whether a hazardous waste permit decision at Siemens may cause adverse effects to any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects. EPA would like to hear from you about any historic properties that you know of within the Area of Potential Effects and about any adverse effects you believe a Siemens permit decision may cause to the historic properties. For each historic property, please describe why you believe it to be a historic property and the specific adverse effects you believe a Siemens permit decision may cause.

Criteria for Identifying Historic Properties and Adverse Effects

EPA will use NHPA criteria in determining whether a site or structure within the Area of Potential Effects is a historic property and whether a Siemens permit decision may cause adverse effects to the historic properties.

To learn more about the NHPA process and criteria for identifying historic properties and adverse effects you may access Citizen’s Guide to Section 106 Review at www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html and How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation at www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/. You may also obtain these documents by contacting EPA or visiting the public repositories (see below).

Next Steps

EPA must take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration in making its permit decision. If EPA determines that there are no historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, or that a Siemens permit decision will not cause adverse effects to any historic properties, then EPA will issue a public notice making this determination, and this will complete the NHPA process. If EPA determines that there are historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects and that a Siemens permit decision may cause adverse effects to the historic properties, then EPA will consult with the consulting parties to determine whether mitigation measures are necessary. EPA will then issue a public notice either proposing mitigation measures, or making a determination that mitigation measures are not necessary.

We are interested in any information you may have on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects

If you have information on historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects, including possible adverse effects from a Siemens permit decision to the historic properties, please let EPA know **by April 12, 2007**. Any information you submit will become part of the public record. However, if there is information that you would like to provide, but that you believe should remain confidential either for your anonymity or to protect the historic property, please contact us by phone, and we will explore options for keeping the information confidential. You may contact EPA



at any time during the process to advise us of concerns or comments you may have regarding the NHPA process at Siemens.

To comment, or for more information, you may write, email, or call Mary Blevins at:
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A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this determination are available at public repositories at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum. You may also obtain these documents and information, as well as information about Siemens and the National Historic Preservation Act by contacting EPA at the address or phone number to the right, and at EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/siemens/>.

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CRIT homebuyers enjoy new residence

The Colorado River Residential Management and Corporation welcomed two CRIT members to their new home on March 1.
 Home Ownership Counselor Cheryl Esquerro presented the new keys for the Mutual Help home to Gary and Etta Hooper (Etta is not pictured).

The beautiful three-bedroom home features a newly reconstructed kitchen area, new appliances, countertops, faucets, two newly tiled bathrooms with new vanities, light fixtures and more.

"The CRRMC wishes the Hooper family good luck and welcome in becoming one of the new homebuyers in the Mutual Help Home Program," Esquerro said.

For more information about home ownership



Home Ownership Counselor Cheryl Esquerro (right) presents Gary Hooper with the keys to his new home in early March.

opportunities for Tribal members and Residential Management and Corporation programs call (928) 669-9618.

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programs.
 By collaborating, CRIT will be able to replicate a successful academic model that reflects our student population, and is tailored to their needs and goals.
 The Tribal school would maintain its autonomy while incorporating STAR's proven approaches. For example, last year the school's second graders averaged in the 92nd percentile on standardized math tests.
 According to state statutes, after one year of successful operation, the Tribes' school could

then become an independent charter school.
 A goal of the school includes using current research on best practices for teaching and learning. Arizona State University has asked to partner in supporting professional development and grant writing for special programs.
 Potential sites for the school are under consideration.
 Also, three bids for doing the survey and master site plan for developing the school are being reviewed by members of the Tribal School Master Plan Proposal Committee.
 Once there is consensus on a proposal, it will be recommended to the Tribal Council for approval.
 For further information, contact the CRIT Education Department at (928) 669-8831.



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